# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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MENINGITIS VACCINE IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Meningitis vaccines are freely available in various Government Hospitals in the country, especially in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) Health being a state listed subject such information is not centrally maintained. Meningitis vaccines are not allotted to the UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands as routine immunization under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP).However, the Government of India allots specific number of Meningitis vaccines to the Andaman & Nicobar Administration during Haj for the pilgrims.